

Endangered Species Committee





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Background

- The Great Lakes Basin is home to approximately 30 federally listed endangered, threatened and candidate species. Many of these species are found nowhere else in the world.
- Several species share common aspects of distribution and ecological association, such as Great Lakes shoreline.



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Committee Goal

Through existing and future partnerships the Endangered Species Committee will work to coordinate, support and implement basin-wide actions to further endangered species recovery efforts on a landscape scale.



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Committee Objectives

- 1) Build multi-stakeholder partnerships for basin-wide recovery
- 2) Identify and support multi-species recovery actions
- 3) Facilitate basin-wide exchange of information on species status, distribution and recovery
- 4) Identify and pursue potential funding sources
- 5) Build upon existing efforts to develop a conservation strategy for the basin

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Potential Focus Areas



Lakeshore Habitats/Dune Systems

Oak Savannah/Prairies



Coastal Wetlands/Fens

Streams and Small Rivers





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Proposed FY'04 Actions

- 1) Nominate and select a committee chairman and co-chairman, build membership
- 2) Poll field installations to identify priority "1" recovery actions
- 3) Select a set of potential "target species" to focus recovery efforts
- 4) Lay the foundation of a team strategy
- 5) Fund and implement an initial recovery effort
- 6) Sponsor a regional recovery coordination meeting



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FY'04 Accomplishments

- 1) **Selected co-chairs** (R. Niver, L. Tewinkel, J.Dingledine)
- 2) Developed short-term and long-term priorities
- 3) Secured Service membership and solicited input on priorities
- 4) Selected initial focus area for committee action
- 5) Began process of identifying external partners



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FY'04 Accomplishments

Set Short-term and Long-term Priorities:

Resources: Staff, partners, recovery plans, etc.

Activities: Calls, meetings, outreach, grant proposals, web page, etc.

Outputs: Database, Web page, materials, strategy

Short-term, Mid-term, Long-term Outputs: Membership, funding, strategy, conservation/recovery



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FY'04 Accomplishments

Built Membership and Interest:

- 1) Hosted R3/R5 Conference Calls
- 2) Initiated External Contacts/Database Dev.
- 3) Identified potential partnership effort
 - a) Partners Program
 - b) Landowner Incentive Program
 - c) Mitchell satyr working Group
 - d) Eastern Massasauga CCHA



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FY'04 Accomplishments

Built Membership and Interest (Cont.):

- 4) Set objectives/goals for external participation
- 5) Identified project ideas

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FY'04 Accomplishments

Habitat Focus: Inland wetlands/fens/bogs

Species: Bog turtle, Mitchell's satyr butterfly,
Eastern massasauga rattlesnake, Hine's
emerald dragonfly

Partners: State agencies, NGO's, Land
Trusts, Landowners

Actions: Surveys, invasive species
management, outreach, Intra-
service coord., grant writing





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Proposed FY'05 Actions

- 1) Build external partnerships
- 2) Continue Intra-Service coordination
- 3) Secure funding for an initial recovery effort
- 4) Implement initial recovery action
- 5) Update the GLBET Web Page
- 6) Organize a regional recovery coordination meeting
- 7) Others?

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- Feedback?

